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1. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS EVENING OF OCTOBER 26 AND MORNING OF OCTOBER 27.

2. PRESIDENT'S VISIT. ALL CENTRAL EVENING AND MORNING PRESS FRONT-PAGED A BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S WORKING MEETING WITH BREZHNEV TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 23-24 IN THE VICINITY OF VLADIVOSTOK FOR AN EXCHANGE OF OPINION ON QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. A THIRTY-SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PLANNED MEETING HEADED THE NIN-O'CLOCK NATIONAL TV NEWS.

3. SECRETARY'S VISIT. THE MORNING CENTRAL PRESS FRONT-PAGED AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT TWO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD OCTOBER 26 BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND BREZHNEV AND GROMYKO. THE ANNOUNCEMENT REPORTS THAT THE EXAMINATION OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION AND

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TO SEVERAL OTHER PROBLEMS WAS CONTINUED. THE DISCUSSIONS ARE DESCRIBED AS FRANK AND CONSTRUCTIVE. THE MORNING CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES TASS ITEMS ON THE SPASO LUNCHEON YESTERDAY, WITH PRAVDA CARRYING EXTENSIVE EXCERPTS FROM THE TOASTS. THIRTY SECONDS WERE DEVOTED ON THE EVENING TV NEWS TO AN ITEM ON THE SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON FOR GROMYKO AND THE EXCHANGE OF TOASTS. THE LUNCHEON WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN HELD IN A "CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE." PRAVDA'S WEEKLY REVIEW (A SIGNED COMMENTARY) DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, THOUGH DOES NOT DEPART FROM LANGUAGE ALREADY USED IN EARLIER SOVIET PRESS REPORTS AND IN GROMYKO TOASTS TO CHARACTERIZE THE VISIT. THE COMMENTARY UNDERLINES THAT THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP FIMLY SUPPORTS CONTINUATION OF THE COURSE IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS WHICH HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY BEGUN. "IF THE USSR AND THE US WILL DISPLAY DETERMINATION ALSO IN THE FUTURE TO FOLLOW THE COURSE WHICH THEY HAVE TAKEN, THEN THE SOVIET AND AMERICAN PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE OF ALL THE WORLD CAN LOOK INTO THE FUTURE WITH ASSURANCE AND OPTIMISM."

4. TREATMENT OF THE U.S. PRAVDA NOTES THE END OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE US-SOVIET JOINT COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN WASHINGTON. RED STAR ACCUSES THE US AND THE PENTAGON OF USING THE INTERAMERICAN DEFENSE COUNCIL TO PRESSURE LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS TO THEIR OWN ENDS, AND CRITICIZES NATO AND US NAVAL MANEUVERS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

5. MIDDLE EAST. A PODGORNY AND KOSYGIN LETTER TO THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE IS FRONT-PAGED IN PRAVDA AND RED STAR; THE LETTER REPEATS THE STANDARD SOVIET LINE ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES. PRAVDA'S WEEKLY REVIEW CALLS FOR RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA TALKS; IT EMPHASIZES THAT THE RABAT CONFERENCE IS FOCUSED ON REGAINING ARAB LAND LOST TO THE ISRAELIS AND RESTORATION OF LEGITIMATE NATIONAL PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. THESE SAME POINTS ARE MADE IN THE CPSU LETTER TO THE SYRIAN CP ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY, WHICH PRAVDA RUNS ON THE FRONT PAGE.

6. PAKISTAN. PAKISTAN PREMIER BHUTTO DEPARTED OCTOBER 26. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE IN PRAVDA CALLS FOR A NEW

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TRADE AGREEMEN BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND THE USSR, PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF AFGHAN-PAK DISPUTES, AND CONVOCATION SOON OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. BREZHNEV, PODGORNY, AND KOSYGIN ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT PAKISTAN; NO DATE WAS NOTED.
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